

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

U.S. Patent Application of Muller

Att. Docket No: 62-659

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For: PREPARATION IN FORM OF A MATRIX MATERIAL-AUXILIARY AGENT
COMPOUND CONTAINING OPTIONALLY AN ACTIVE SUBSTANCE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO BE ENTERED PRIOR TO FEE CALCULATION
AND CONSIDERED PART OF THE ORIGINALLY FILED APPLICATION

Hon. Asst. Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The above-identified application was filed with the claims as annexed to the International Preliminary Examination Report in the International Application. Please preliminarily amend the claims in the above-identified application as follows prior to calculation of the fees.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 3-18 as follows:

Claim 3, line 1, replace "or 2, characterized in that" with - - , wherein - - .

Claim 4, line 1, replace "any one of claims 1 to 3, characterized in that" with
- - claim 1, wherein - - .

Claim 5, line 1, replace "any one of claims 1 to 4, characterized in that" with
- - claim 1, wherein - - .

Claim 6, line 1, replace "any one of claims 1 to 5, characterized in that" with